

Virginia Emergency Operations Center
Hurricane Katrina Impacts
Situation Report #1

Operational Period 1600 Hours August 31, 2005 – 0700 Hours September 1, 2005

SITUATION:

Governor Mark R. Warner declared a limited state of emergency within the Commonwealth on August 31, 2005, directing the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) to coordinate state relief efforts in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Additionally, the impact of this disaster has affected the nation's fuel supply. Governor Warner asked Virginians to consider voluntary conservation measures of the Commonwealth's fuel supply.

Plantation Pipeline Company reported on Wednesday, August 31, it has resumed limited service, or approximately 25 percent of their average daily throughput, on its refined products pipeline serving the southeastern United States.

Colonial Pipeline also announced on Wednesday it is restarting its pipeline. Initial service restoration will provide between 25% and 35% of Colonial's normal operating capacity.

WEATHER:

Mostly sunny across the Commonwealth today, with temperatures ranging from the upper 70's to low 80's in Southwest Virginia, and from the mid 80's to low 90's across the remainder of the state. Tonight, mostly clear across the state, with temperatures ranging from the low to mid 60's.

ONGOING STATE and LOCAL ACTIVITIES:

- **VEOC** – Augmented with additional staffing of VDEM and state agency personnel. Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) requests are being processed. Coordinating with localities on relief efforts. Authorized exemption to hours worked restriction for carriers of disaster related relief commodities and services, expiring October 30, 2005.
- **DMME** – Coordinating with VDOT to ensure adequate fuel supply for state agencies.
- **VDOT and DMV** – Authorized temporary waiver of registration and license requirements along with normal weight and width restrictions for the purpose of ensuring essential emergency relief supplies reach the disaster areas in a timely manner. The waiver is effective until midnight on October 30, 2005.
- **DOF** – Operations Center open from 0800 – 1700 hours daily. Deployed a 20-member team on Tuesday, August 30 to Baton Rouge, LA to set-up and run a food distribution center in the city. The team expects to be deployed for 2 weeks. An additional 20 personnel expected to depart on Friday, September 2.
- **VDH** – DMAT Strike Team deployed to Anniston, AL for staging and further movement. Team members include one MD, two RN's and two PM's. Preparing Modular Teams for deployment, to include Epidemiologists, Public Health Nurses, Veterinary Medicine Specialists, Vector Borne Disease Specialist, Drinking Water Specialists, Administrative Support, and Medical Examiner

Support. Providing vaccinations to state agency personnel scheduled for deployment to Gulf States.

- **National Guard** – Identified units to provide support to Gulf States. In addition, 2 Army and 2 Air National Guard Chaplain teams of 2 personnel are available.
- **VDHCD** – Requested Virginia's manufactured housing industry to increase its production to help provide affordable housing in the Gulf States as soon as possible.
- **VDACS** – Monitoring the marketplace; assist with locating agricultural commodities.
- **VDFP** – Personnel available to staff VEOC, Incident Management Teams, provide technical expertise in operations.
- **VSP** – Prepared to provide two Swift Water Rescue teams, four tracking canines with handlers, two teams of 108 sworn law enforcement personnel, one fixed wing aircraft, two counter-terrorism/criminal interdiction teams, two teams of Bureau of Criminal Investigations Special Agents.

CONTIGUOUS STATE'S ACTIONS:

- **NC Situation:** NC EOC - NC Governor has made a public request for voluntary conservation and limitation of travel. Governor has requested State agencies utilize carpools and essential travel only. State has limited, low fuel levels: distribution is the biggest problem.
- **WV Situation:** WVDHSEM - Small towns and rural areas running low of fuel. Emergency service agencies have enough to last through weekend, and in some cases much longer. Developing plan of action.
- **TN Situation:** TNEMA - Supplies running low across state, with many pump stations without fuel. Emergency vehicles are using red dye diesel. Estimated 10,000 "refugees" are coming into the State and establishing shelters where they can. Many law and EMS assets are being deployed to southwest part of State.

LOCAL ACTIONS:

- Scott County indicates that local fuel suppliers are having trouble getting fuel from terminal in Knoxville, TN. Some local stations have depleted supplies. Local government has adequate supply at this time.

PROJECTED FUTURE ACTIONS:

- Continue to monitor fuel supply
- Coordinate local and state relief efforts
- Process EMAC requests
- Additional staffing in the VEOC

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